

BACKED BY SOLID MEN

Moneyed Taxpayers of Topeka All Want the Bridge.

PETITIONS REACH THE COUNCIL.

They Are Referred for Consideration. Other Council Matters.

There was not much bridge talk at the regular meeting of the city council last night. Edward Wilder's petitions containing several hundred of the choicest signatures in town were presented to the council and read, but on motion of Mr. Bradford were referred to the ways and means committee, of which C. A. Fellows is the chairman, which is composed of one member from each ward. This committee will meet and act in conjunction with the citizens' committee and also with the board of county commissioners, with instructions to report a week from Friday night.

Probably no petition was ever presented to the council with so solid a list of backers. The signatures are not the best in town from a Spencerian standpoint, but they include nearly everyone that works best at the business end of a check. There is scarcely a heavy taxpayer in the city whose name is not written there. Among the signers are: J. Thomas, George Parkhurst, J. H. Evans, T. B. Sweet, M. Smittinger, John Elliott, M. Weightman, J. S. Lauck, Frank Thomas, W. F. Ellison, E. J. Dallas, Chas. T. McCabe, Frank Brooks, Josh Mulvane, D. Atwood, M. A. Low, C. F. Jilson, J. L. Shellabarger, Herbert Hackney, J. P. Griswold, J. W. Thurston, J. R. Mulvane, A. W. Knowles, James Moore, E. L. Copeland, J. Fred Scott, W. A. Coats, A. A. Hurd, C. R. Hudson, H. K. Rowley, Geo. T. Nicholson, R. B. Gemmell, John E. Frost, Chas. J. Devlin, H. R. Nickerson, J. J. Frey, F. E. Holliday, N. F. Handy, J. Sprout, Geo. D. Hale, Edson & Beck, A. B. Quinton, T. P. Rodgers, E. S. Quinton, Geo. W. Reed, T. E. Bowman, W. C. Hamilton, W. W. Phillips, A. B. Whiting, John Guthrie, T. B. Mayo, Charles S. Elliott, Seery & Morton, L. H. Wolfe, S. H. Bear, W. B. Swan, P. H. Forbes, C. B. Hamilton, F. H. Parkhurst, John Norton, E. S. Collins, A. J. Ewart, E. H. Blake, H. C. Lindsey, J. B. Bartholomew, S. E. Sheldon, T. J. Kellam, J. B. Hibben, Jesse Shaw, T. E. Wear, C. H. Titus, John MacDonald, F. De Obert, H. K. Seft, P. L. Bonebrake, A. Rodgers, C. O. Knowles, M. Heery, Henry W. Roby, Thomas Page, J. W. Farnsworth, J. B. Billard, A. J. Hutton, Samuel Dolman, Frank Durelo, T. C. Dick, A. D. Robbins, Wm. Green, W. C. Crosby, C. J. Williams, M. F. Rigby, W. A. L. Thompson, L. M. Crawford, A. J. Arnold, Sarah A. Sells, J. H. Dennis, Oscar Bischoff, C. J. Brown, Oscar Krauss, D. W. Nellis, H. Von Langen, J. D. McClure, Lee Jones, M. Oswald, John Branner, W. S. Bergenthal, Thomas A. Osborn, A. S. Johnson, G. F. Parmelee, E. M. Sheldon, George M. Noble, A. B. Johnson, T. L. Stringham, John C. Caldwell, F. P. Baker, Rankin Ryan, Howel Jones, Thomas Mason, W. C. Campbell, A. B. Johnson, David Overmyer, John E. Lord, A. B. Vance, W. H. Paramore, A. A. Rodgers, Luther C. Bailey, Geo. H. Porter, M. P. Hillyer, S. L. Seabrook, E. W. Poindexter, A. H. Bates, Henry Strong, L. Van Hook, C. F. Bowman, C. M. Merriam, A. O. Popenoe, A. Bergen, C. P. Bolmar, Frank G. Willard, Hankla Brothers, Wm. Henderson, C. G. Blakely, A. C. Davis, H. R. Hilton, E. F. Ware, H. Van Valkenberg.

For Filling Holes, \$283.40.

The council was undecided whether to pay John Bradley, manager of the native asphalt company, \$284.40 for he has laid in April and May on Kansas avenue and Quincy street, or not. The bill was for 188 square yards at \$1.50 per yard. The committee on claims and accounts, of which Mr. Bradford is the chairman, makes it a point to go over these bills very carefully, and they discovered that Mr. Bradley was not ordered by the council to make any repairs. They therefore recommended that the bill should not be paid.

City Engineer Kingman explained that the asphalt was in such immediate need of repairs in some places that he had ordered Bradley to make them. Mr. Bradford said if there was anything to be any repairing done he wanted it done by contract in which all those wanting the work could bid. "Competition makes everything cheaper, even asphalt."

Engineer Kingman hastened to say that the native asphalt was just as good as the Barber Trinidad asphalt, and that the apparent inferiority was because it was not properly laid, but burned in the process. "By the time Mr. Bradley has had as much experience as the Barber people his pavement will wear as well," he said.

Mayor Harrison favored setting aside \$100 a month for the purpose of repairing the pavement.

The result of a long talk was that two separate bills, one for \$198.15 and the other \$85.25, were allowed.

They Danced the Can-Can.

A short time ago the electric light which has been located on East Eighth street, between the Santa Fe tracks and the Shunganunga bridge was transferred two blocks further east. And now come the residents in that particular block in a body with blood in their eye and demand that the light shall be replaced.

One man who lives down there, said he came near being run over by a switch engine last week. Another man walked into a ditch and got his good clothes muddy. Still another man whom he mentioned was cursed at and stoned by bad boys, all because the light wasn't there. But that wasn't the worst of it.

He said: "Every Thursday night Ida Cody, Lill Tack and a lot of other Topeka beauties with men who have plenty of beer along, get in a vacant house down there and dance and sing, and have a regular can-can." He seemed to think

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Men's \$4 All Wool Pants Reduced to \$2.50
Men's Fine \$5 Dress Pants—Reduced to \$3.50
Men's Finest \$7 and \$8 Trousers—Reduced to \$4.85
Boy's Long Pants . . . 98c, \$1.23, \$1.48, \$1.98
Knee Pants . . . 19c 39c, 48c, 69c



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that darkness and depravity went hand in hand, in this case. The petition was referred.

The Payrolls.

The monthly payrolls of the various department were substantially the same as last month, as follows:

Fire department	\$1,907
Police department	1,841
Street cleaning department	1,332
City offices	606
Electric light department	450
Engineer's department	240
Elections department	150

Lots of Money.

The monthly report of the city treasurer showed the following balances on hand:

Cash	\$ 168
Bank of Topeka	145,838
Fiscal agency	6,865
General revenue	7,824
General improvement	11,374
Sinking fund	424
Interest fund	1,964
Water supply fund	2,238
Library fund	401
Police fund	540
Paving fund	61,152
Sewer fund	22,720
Construction fund	42,011

Births, Deaths and Diseases.

The report of City Physician Hibben for the month shows two cases of diphtheria in the city, six of scarlet fever and nineteen measles. There were reported during the month four cases of diphtheria, seven scarlet fever and forty-two of measles. There were twenty-nine births in May, of which fifteen were girls and fourteen were boys. There were fifty deaths, due to the following causes: Consumption, 8; old age, 3; pneumonia, 3; accident, 2; fever, 4; convulsions, 3; ascitis, 1; paralysis, 4; insanity, 3; phthisis, 1; general weakness, 2; hernia, 1; diphtheria, 2; diarrhea, 1; inflammation of the bowels, 1; inanition, 1; blood poison, 3; cholera infantum, 1; dropsy, 1; still-born, 2; cancer, 1; suicide, 1; peritonitis, 1; heart failure, 1; nervous prostration, 1.

Minor Matters.

All of the members were present last night. The adjournment was taken until Friday, June 15th.

A half hour before the regular meeting there was a formal called meeting for the purpose of hearing any complaints that might be made regarding the report of the appraisers for the opening of Locust street. There were none and the report was approved.

S. P. Hawkins was allowed \$529 for his repairs on the electric light plant.

J. Rosen was allowed \$1,387 out of the sewer construction fund for his work on the sewer in district No. 16.

The request of Mrs. A. H. Wood that the hydrant on the northwest corner of Seventh and Topeka avenue be removed from her park, was referred.

N. G. Harding represented that he is the manufacturer of a new corn medicine, and asked permission to peddle it without a license. The license committee will think it over.

The proposition of Prof. C. D. Hudson to pay \$200 a year for the use of the third story of the city hall for a dancing academy, was referred. The council is in doubt whether they want a dancing school overhead or not.

J. L. Simms is a man who manufactures favoring extracts in Topeka, and he wants to peddle the same without paying a license. The request was referred.

The trustees of Christ hospital represented by T. B. Sweet and G. G. Gage, were granted permission to connect the new Christ hospital sewer with the city sewers. Their further request to be exempted from any further sewer tax was referred.

The residents of the east end of the block bounded by Lincoln, Lane, Seventh and Eighth street, among them W. McA. Green, Charles Holcraft, Mrs. W. E. Sterne, James Wallwork and Charles Guild, asked that they be made a separate sewer district with permission to tap sewer No. 11 near the Clay school. The

city engineer was ordered to make the necessary plans.

The petition of J. Thomas and many others for a sidewalk along lots 371 and 373 east Eighth street was referred.

The slot machine ordinance was reported back to the committee without any recommendation.

Chairman Stephenson said that the only objectionable machines are the gambling devices, and they can be stopped as such. This matter will no doubt be "dropped" like the Sunday-closing movement.

Anthony Owens' request to keep a stand on the northeast corner of Sixth and Kansas avenue, was not granted. A similar request of E. G. Buck, to keep a stand at Kansas avenue and Norris street, met with a similar fate.

The request of Henry Ruth and eighteen others that the tracks of the old East Side Circle railway be removed from Lawrence street to the cemetery, failed to get a favorable recommendation from the streets and walks committee.

W. W. Phillips was granted permission to connect with sewer No. 14.

The Topeka free dispensary was allowed \$10 a month more for the purchase of medicines.

The report of Police Judge Ensminger for May showed that ninety-nine arrests were made, and that \$211.50 in cash was collected.

The fire marshal was authorized to purchase new poles for the fire alarm telegraph system.

The electric light near the south end of the Kansas avenue bridge was ordered placed in the center of the bridge.

Street Commissioner D. C. Naylor will hereafter be allowed \$10 a month to enable him to keep a horse and cart, to better discharge the duties of his office.

The regular monthly appropriation ordinance which covers all the expenses of the city, is for the sum of \$9,971.93.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Hollyhocks are in blossom.

The Shawnee county teachers' institute is in session.

Bill Hackney is the head of the Greer congressional boom.

There are nearly four thousand strangers in Topeka today.

The police made 99 arrests in May, and collected \$211.50 from them.

The Turners had the town yesterday, and nobody can cheer like a Turner.

Topeka fairly bristles with conventions today. There are four in session.

The board of county commissioners is in session as a board of equalization.

Three persons were buried at the expense of the county one day last week.

Susan B. Anthony and Rev. Anna H. Shaw are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. H. K. Tefft.

Most of the policemen on night duty were at the Turner garden yesterday afternoon.

Prof. C. D. Hudson wants to use the third story of the city hall for a dancing academy.

In May there were twenty-nine births in Topeka, of which 15 were girls and 14 were boys.

There were fifty deaths in Topeka during May. Three of them were violent deaths.

Police Judge Ensminger took in the Turner festivities yesterday afternoon and evening.

Miss Arnold, the young lady who fell through a trap door at Hayes' greenhouse, is recovering.

Editor Marsh Murdoch of the Wichita Eagle, is one of the few delegates in the city who wears a silk hat.

E. W. Tatman, of the law firm of Wheeler & Switzer, is in Holton today acting as master in chancery.

The Washburn college glee club gave a concert last evening. The chapel was filled and the concert was good.

Ed Wagener says that all that he got

out of his Ellis trip was the fees for swearing fifty deputy marshals.

The delegates who came from the west are not so sanguine of Republican success as those in Shawnee county.

The electric plant was shut down for about eight minutes last evening owing to a slight accident at the power house.

The first wheat cut in Kansas this year was harvested yesterday on the farm of ex-Governor S. J. Crawford in Cherokee county.

A half dozen Topeka bicyclists made the round trip of Osage City, Ottawa and Lawrence Sunday, covering a distance of about 120 miles.

The Turners found it necessary to eject a few of the Topeka roughs from their hall last evening because they made too much noise.

Conductor Mark Howell of the trolley lines was hurt this week by being crushed between two cars while in the act of coupling.

If personal good looks were to decide the fight for lieutenant governor it would be nip and tuck between James A. Troutman and Dr. King.

George W. Crane stayed up until midnight last night, to help the late arrivals find their beds. He has a list of all the rooms for rent in the city.

When you mention prohibition or woman suffrage to a German-American leaguer he shrugs his shoulders and looks as if he could say a good deal, but won't.

If sidewalk Inspector Brunsman would only condemn the sidewalk on the east and north sides of the city building, he would receive the thanks of many long-suffering citizens.

Clarence O. Finch, the superintendent of schools of El Paso county, who was captured by the miners at Cripple Creek yesterday, is a formerly of Kansas boy. He is a son of W. H. Finch of the Ottawa Republican, and a nephew of Charley Finch of the Lawrence Journal.

ONE MORE CHURCH SPEAKS

Through the Voice of Its Pastor, Rev. M. F. McKirahan.

Rev. M. F. McKirahan, pastor of the United Presbyterian church of this city, preached Sunday evening on the subject: "Can the Republican State Convention Afford to Ignore Prohibition and Other Moral Issues?"

It was a strong sermon and it is unfortunate that more could not have heard him.

His text was from Proverbs: "When the righteous are in authority, the people all rejoice."

He prefaced his remarks by saying that some ministers would not preach on political subjects because it was not right, but he held that all things that concerned man's welfare were right to preach about. "There are no questions," said he, "either social or political but that are of moral interest to man."

"A republic is where every man is a part of the ruling power, and the officeholders are the servants, but when the officeholders assume the power, the very letter of the term 'republic' is lost."

"If public officials could be made to think that they are the hired servants of the public, just like we have hired men and hired girls, there would not be such a scramble for public offices."

He referred to the causes of the war and contrasted our present troubles with those of twenty-nine years ago. He said, "Here we are just about as troubled as before the war."

Coming to the real subject of his sermon, he said: "Just now there is doubt in the hearts of many lest those whom we consider our friends, will give way to the immense pressure of those who would break down the institutions of our country. Do they not regard the workman? There are millions spent annually for drink in this country."

He held that if prohibition was made national, there would not be need for

more than one penitentiary for the entire United States.

"There is a party which proposes to leave the subject out of the platform, and if it does, the christian people will cry out against it. Already the Methodist church and the Christian Endeavor society have declared against a party that will ignore it."

Rev. Mr. McKirahan referred to the meeting of the Turn Verein in the city. "The German societies are in session here now, and for a purpose. They chose a very appropriate time. The next day after their meeting the state meeting of the Women's clubs, the next day the state convention. The German societies are the pronounced enemies of prohibition. They name their own price: 'If you strike it out we vote with you, put it in and we vote for the other party.' There is a God that rules over the destinies of the people. The right shall prevail. Kansas has made a noble record, and if she stands true to her noble principles, it will be a great thing to be a Kansan."

At the meeting at Trades Assembly hall last evening, the final arrangements were decided on. The committee consisting of Messrs. Cook and Anderson that visited Kansas City yesterday reported the arrangement complete and that Washington park had been secured at very good terms. No one but the Topeka people will be admitted to the park on that day and there will be any amount of amusement—base ball, dancing and all sorts of games. The park management offers these prizes to the excursionists: Base ball, \$10; bicycle race, gold medal; sack race, silver medal; 100 yard foot race, gold medal; best lady dancer, silk parasol; best gentleman dancer, umbrella; 50 yard race for boys under 12, silver cup; 50 yard race for girls under 12, silver cup. The following committees were appointed last night: Music and dance, A. L. McNair, E. D. Webb and J. C. Cummings; sports, Charles Miller, A. L. Thompson and H. R. Jones. The privilege of selling the refreshments for the trip was sold to F. H. Monken of this city for \$10.

There will be another meeting of the committee on arrangements at the hall Friday evening to see that the programme is complete.

ENGINE, COACH AND STATION.

Paragraphs that Will Please the Railroaders and the Public.

Jim Verlin has left his position as switchman of the Santa Fe here and gone to Leavenworth where he has a

similar position in the Kansas City, Wyandotte and Northwestern.

George Connel, a Santa Fe boiler maker from Raton, N. M., has moved to Topeka.

The Rock Island trains from the west were all late yesterday afternoon on account of the Colorado flood.

C. J. Devlin of the Santa Fe mining department has been elected a director of the Central National bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of W. A. Sells.

The Santa Fe engineers surveyed a line yesterday from the main line to the new woolen mill and a "spur" will be built as soon as possible.

Daniel Atwood of the Rock Island freight department will soon go to St. Louis for a visit.

Four special trains came through over the Santa Fe from the west yesterday. They were the California trains of Saturday and Sunday that had been delayed by the floods of Colorado.

C. R. Gray, district freight agent of the Santa Fe at Carthage, Mo., was in the city yesterday afternoon.

G. R. Chaplain, general agent of the Santa Fe at Leavenworth, visited the general offices here last evening.

J. W. Fitzgerald, of the St. Marys Democrat, and A. C. Harding of the Cross, Oklahoma, Guide, called on the Santa Fe general offices yesterday.

Charley Smith, who went to the Santa Fe hospital from Topeka some time ago on account of rheumatism, is reported some better.

The Capital City and the Favorites, both Santa Fe baseball clubs, were to have played at Vinewood Sunday, but lost their ball.

RESTRICT IMMIGRATION.

Republicans Discuss the Adviseability of a Non-Partisan Commission.

WASHINGTON, June 5.—The plan of a non-partisan commission to prepare a comprehensive code of laws restricting immigration, has been discussed at a gathering of prominent Republican representatives.

It was the general expression of such men as Messrs. Reed, Dilliver and McGann that immigration should be wholly divorced from politics. In order to accomplish this, it was suggested that congress could create a national commission of fifteen members, representing all parties, so that the political effects of any restrictive code prepared would not be borne by any one party.

Bismarck is Failing.

BERLIN, June 5.—Prince Bismarck continues to decline to receive deputations, and is said to be suffering from weakness following his last illness. The prince will proceed to Varsin, his summer home, on June 15th. His physicians have hopes that the ex-chancellor will soon be stronger.

Parties going to Emporia will find the Leland Hotel, opposite Santa Fe depot, a first-class house on American and European plan. Lunch counter and restaurant open all night.

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